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The following information was obtained on the VP Schule in Priemerwald near Guestraw (H 54/T 93) :

1. Location :

Priemerwald near Guestraw, south of the railroad line to Schwerin (W 54/T 46).

2. Strength :

About 1,200 police.

3. Officers :

Inspekteur Kollitsch, school commandant, 38 years old, born in Saxony, ex-colonel of the German Armed Forces.
Inspekteur Krueger, deputy commandant, 40 years old, born in Saxony, ex-colonel and bearer of the knight's cross.

Oberpolizeirat Beckmann, PK-Leiter, 38 years old, born in Saxony.

4. Organization :

Nine companies. The school consisted of 10 companies up to mid-December 1949. The 6th Co was then distributed to the other companies.

5. Armament :

Five T 34 tanks, 15 machine guns, type 34, 350 rifles, type 98K, 50 submachine guns, type 44 and 100 pistols, types 03 and 38.

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6. Ammunition :

About 125,000 rounds of machine gun and rifle ammunition. The Priemerwald VP Schule has been issuing ammunition to all VP schools in Mecklenburg.

7. Equipment :

Three aiming circles, type 34, 50 compasses, 50 field glasses.

8. Training :

Only general training was done until late 1949. Training with tanks has been given first priority since early 1950.

9. Miscellaneous :

The ordnance room personnel had been told that the school would soon be issued 25 to 30 more tanks and would be given the status of a tank training school.